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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6952

BILL NUMBER: HB 1291

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: East Chicago School Board.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Aguilera

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that the governing body of the East Chicago School Corporation consists of four members elected by all the voters of the city, two members appointed by the mayor, and one member appointed by the city council. The bill provides other details of the organization of the governing body.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The State Board of Education would be required to establish balloting procedures for the election of all School City of East Chicago governing body members. The Board should be able to carry out this provision within existing resources.

Background on the State Board of Education: The Board is scheduled to convene 12 times in CY 2006. Typically, the Board will meet for two consecutive days each month of the year.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, the governing body membership of the East Chicago School Corporation would increase to seven members beginning January 1, 2007. Compensation of governing body members includes a salary plus special meeting allowance. Additionally, per diem, expenses related to board duties, and medical coverage is provided. If the governing body membership increased, the impact to local expenditure would be the salary, per diem allowance, expenses, and medical coverage for two additional members.

County Election Board: The Lake County Elections Board would see a small increase in administrative time to process candidacy filings for the East Chicago School Board.

Background: Currently, the governing body has five members. The members are appointed by the mayor of East Chicago and have staggered terms in a one-two-two format. Currently, there are two members whose terms will expire 6/30/2008. Two other members' terms will expire 6/30/2007. One member's term will expire 6/30/2006.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Board of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Lake County Elections Board; School City of East Chicago.

Information Sources: School City of East Chicago website: www.ecps.org; Department of Education website: www.doe.state.in.us.

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